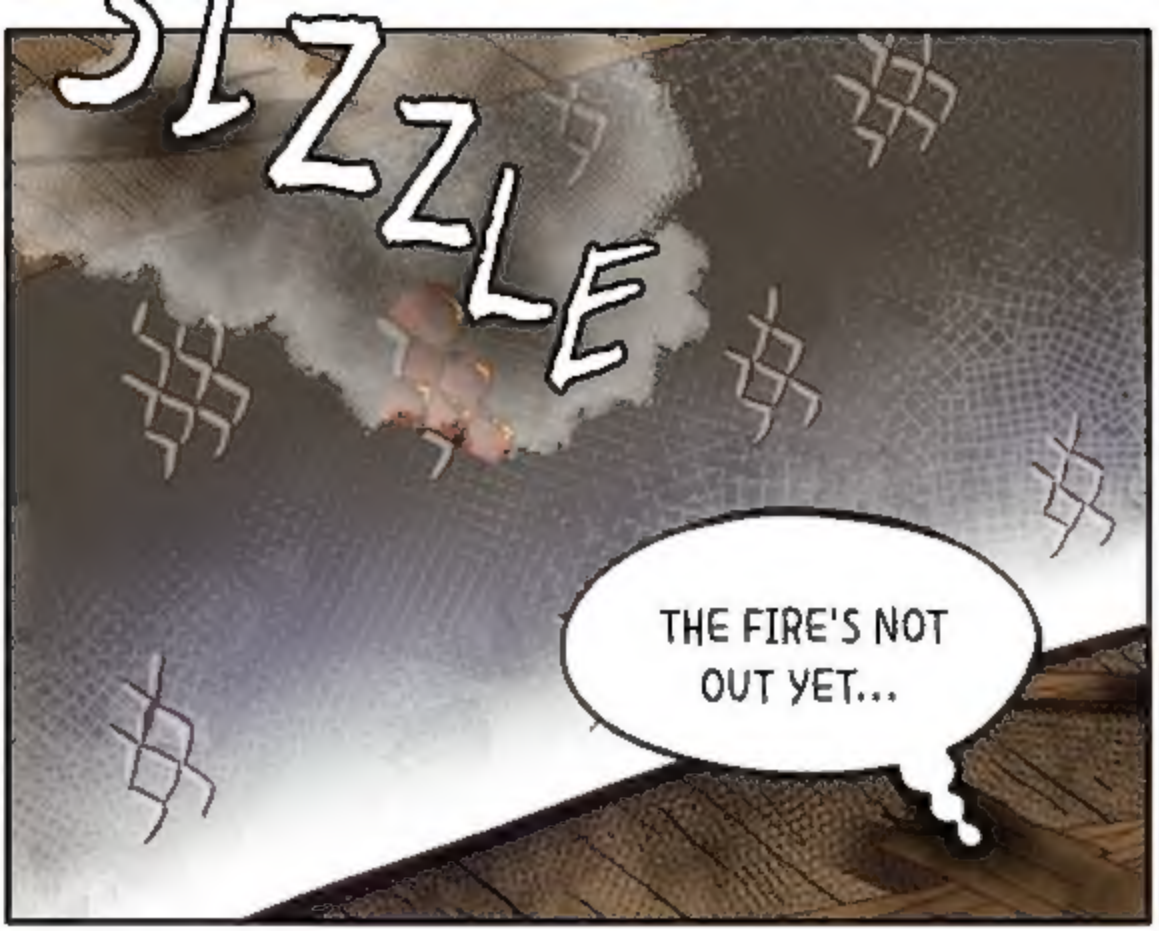
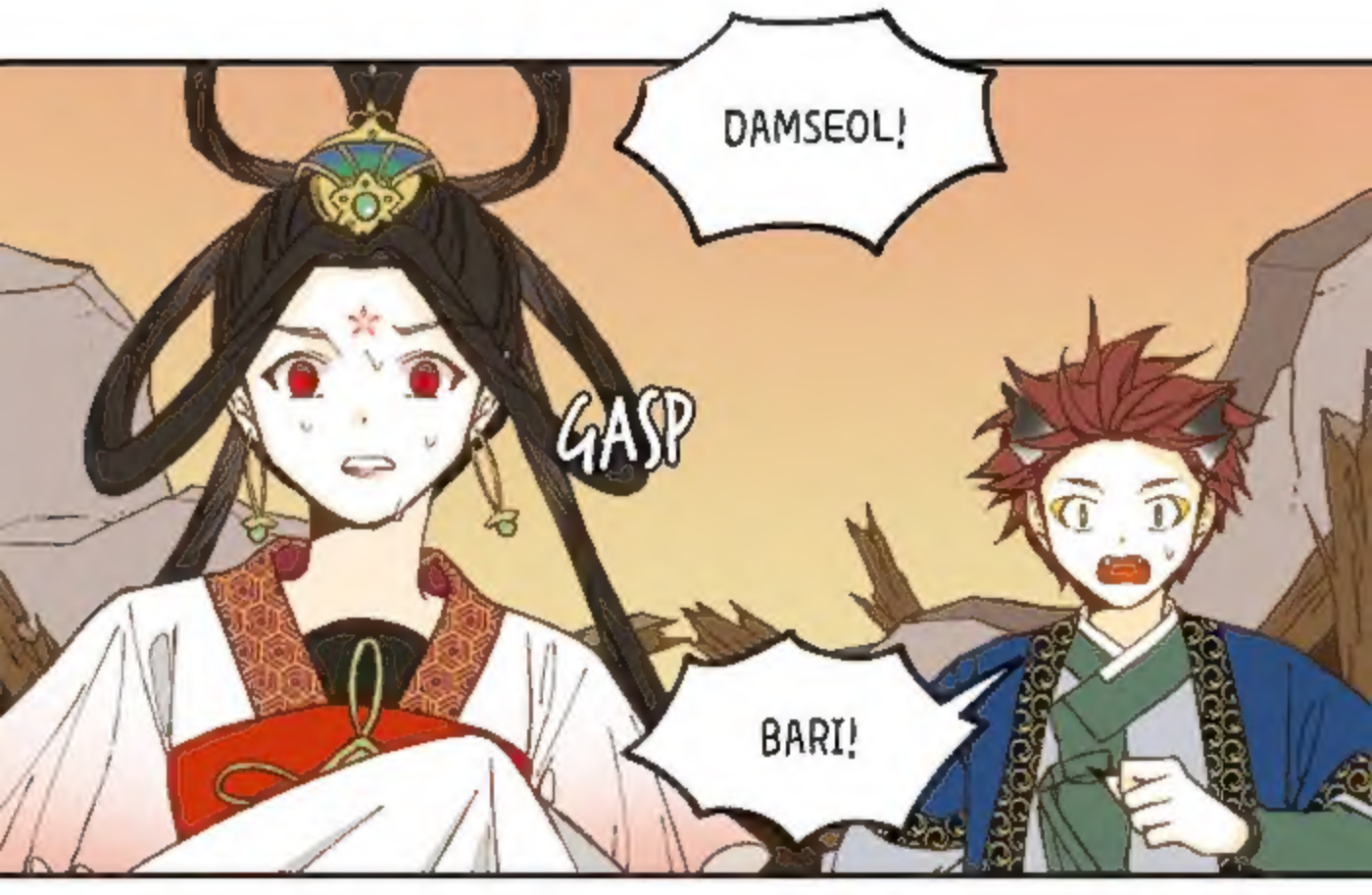
BARI!


SIZZLE
THE FIRE'S NOT OUT YET...

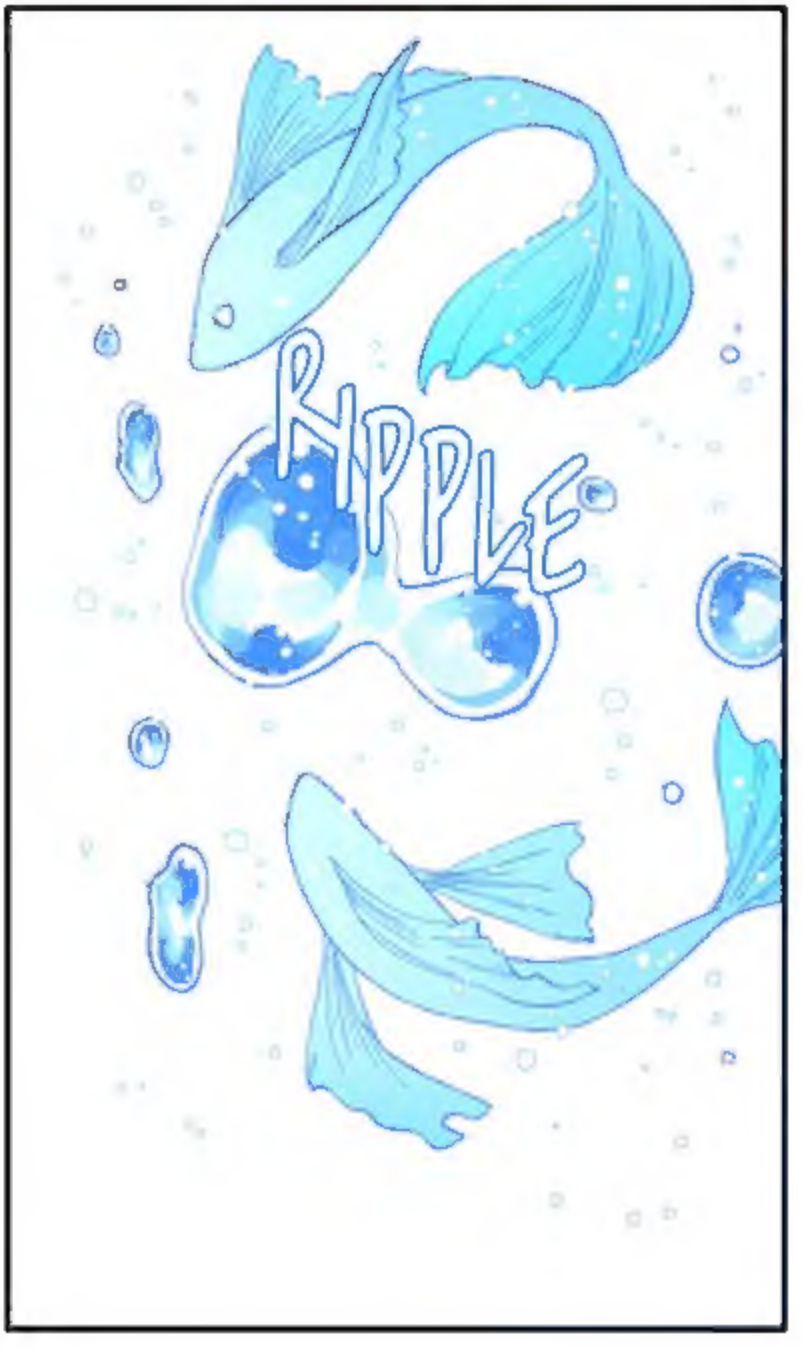
WATER...
I NEED WATER...


DAMSEOL!
GASP
BARI!

WHAT HAPPENED?
HOW DID HE END UP LIKE THIS?!

DASH

DAMSEOL,
I NEED YOU TO DO
ME A FAVOR.
I NEED
SOME WATER...

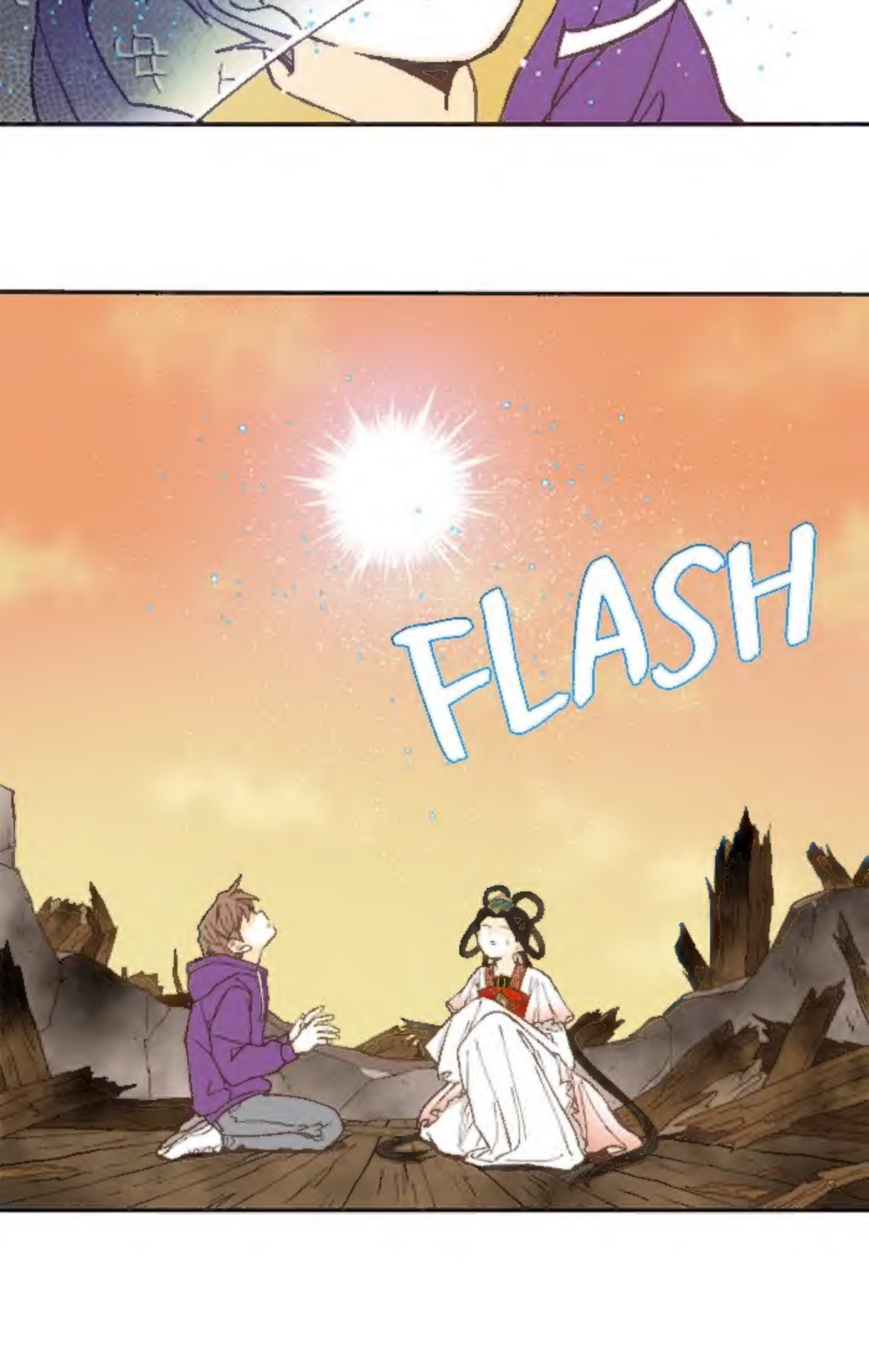

RIPPLE

FWAAA

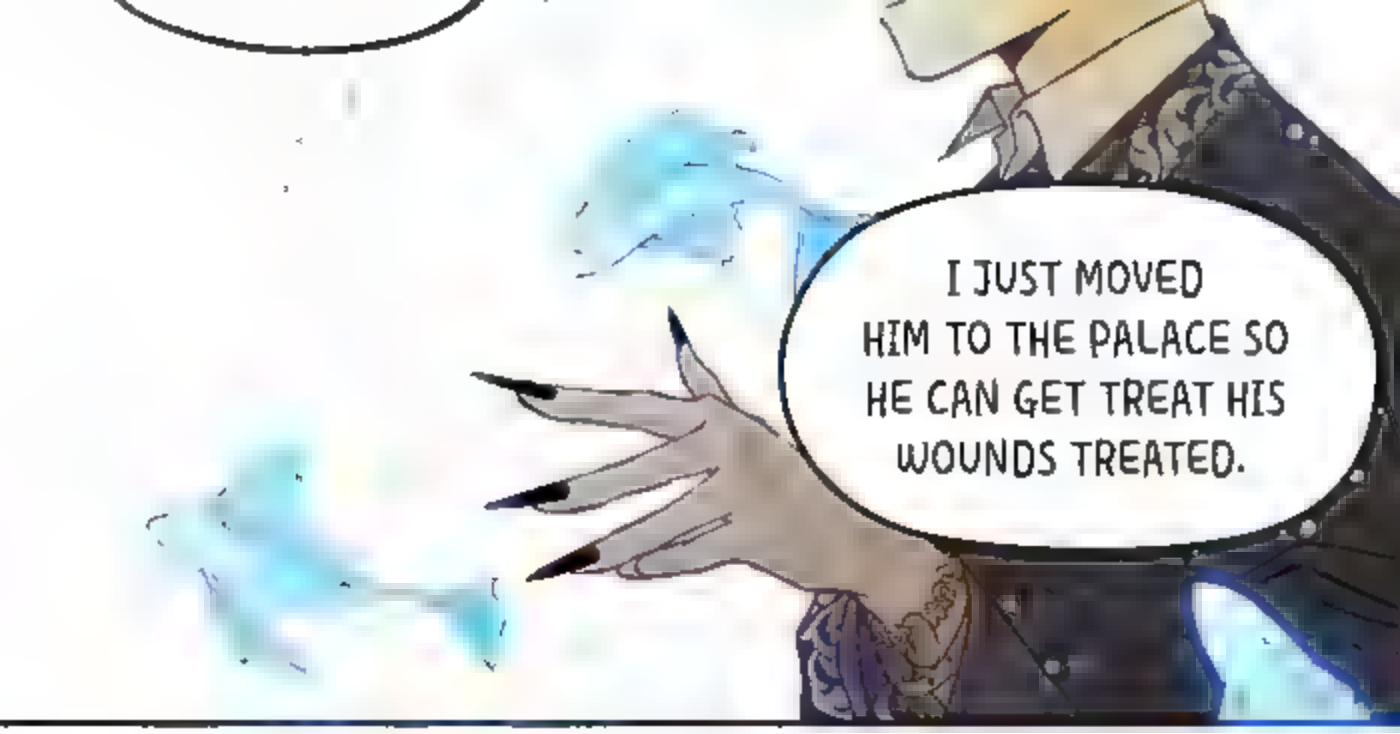
WHOOSH

SHHH

SHHH


FLASH

CALM YOURSELF.


I JUST MOVED HIM TO THE PALACE SO HE CAN GET TREAT HIS WOUNDS TREATED.

HUH...?

WHO ARE YOU...?

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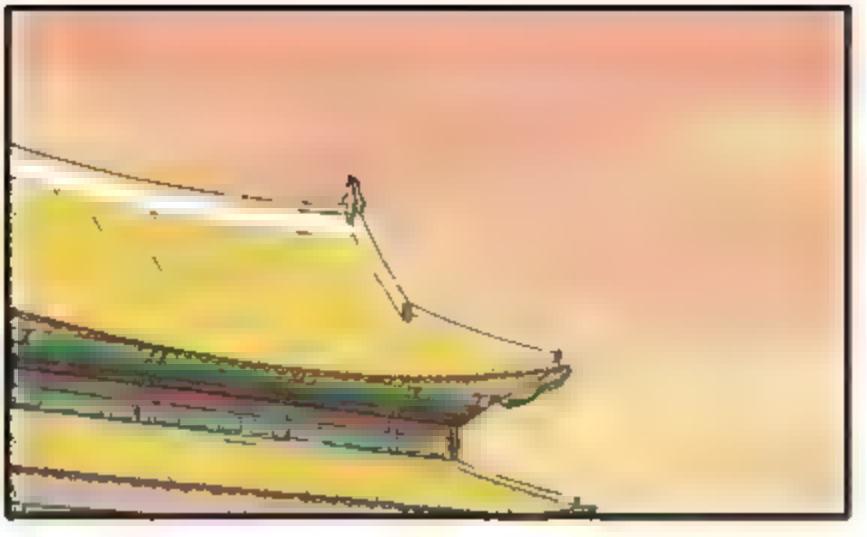


SUCH A FOOLISH CHILD.

WHY WOULD YOU GO THAT FAR, EVEN TO THE POINT OF BRINGING HARM UPON YOURSELF?

UM, EXCUSE ME. HE'S GOING TO BE OKAY, RIGHT?
WAS HE HURT BAD?

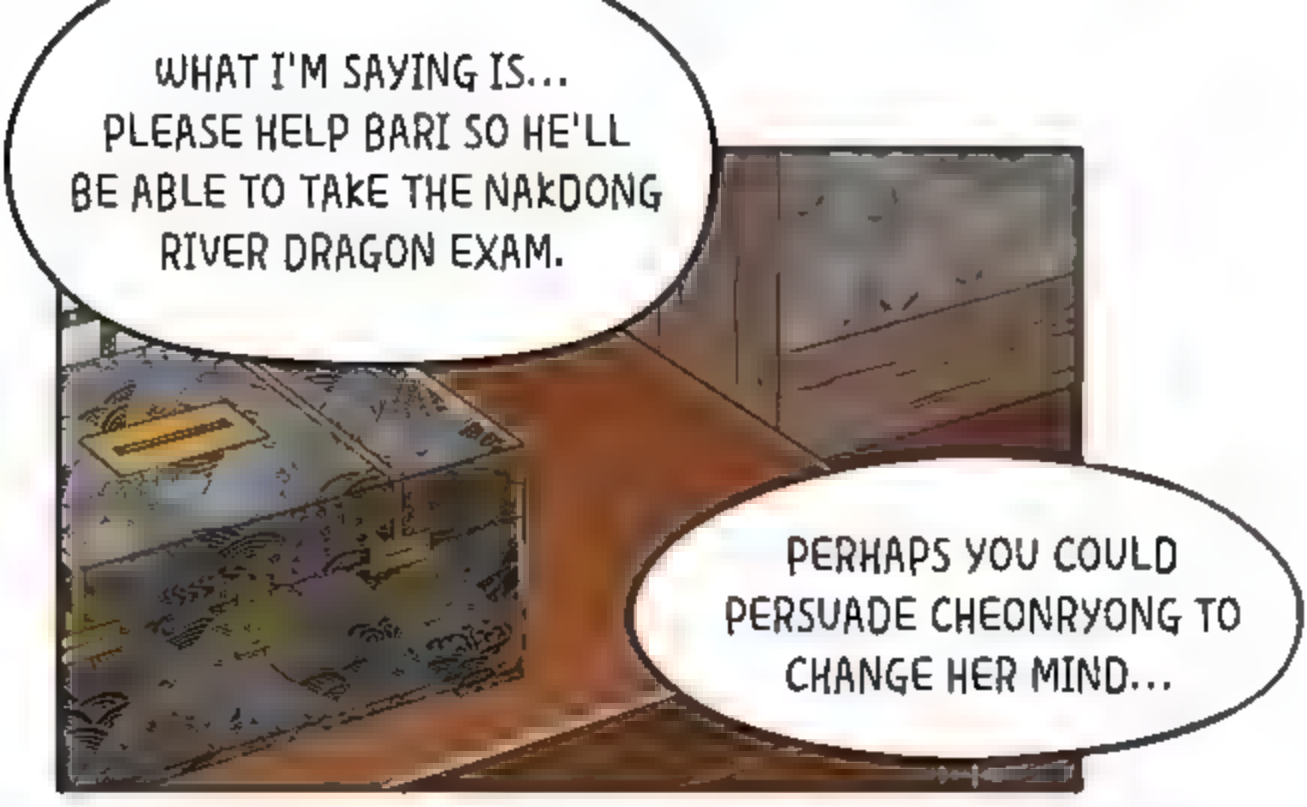
...
ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

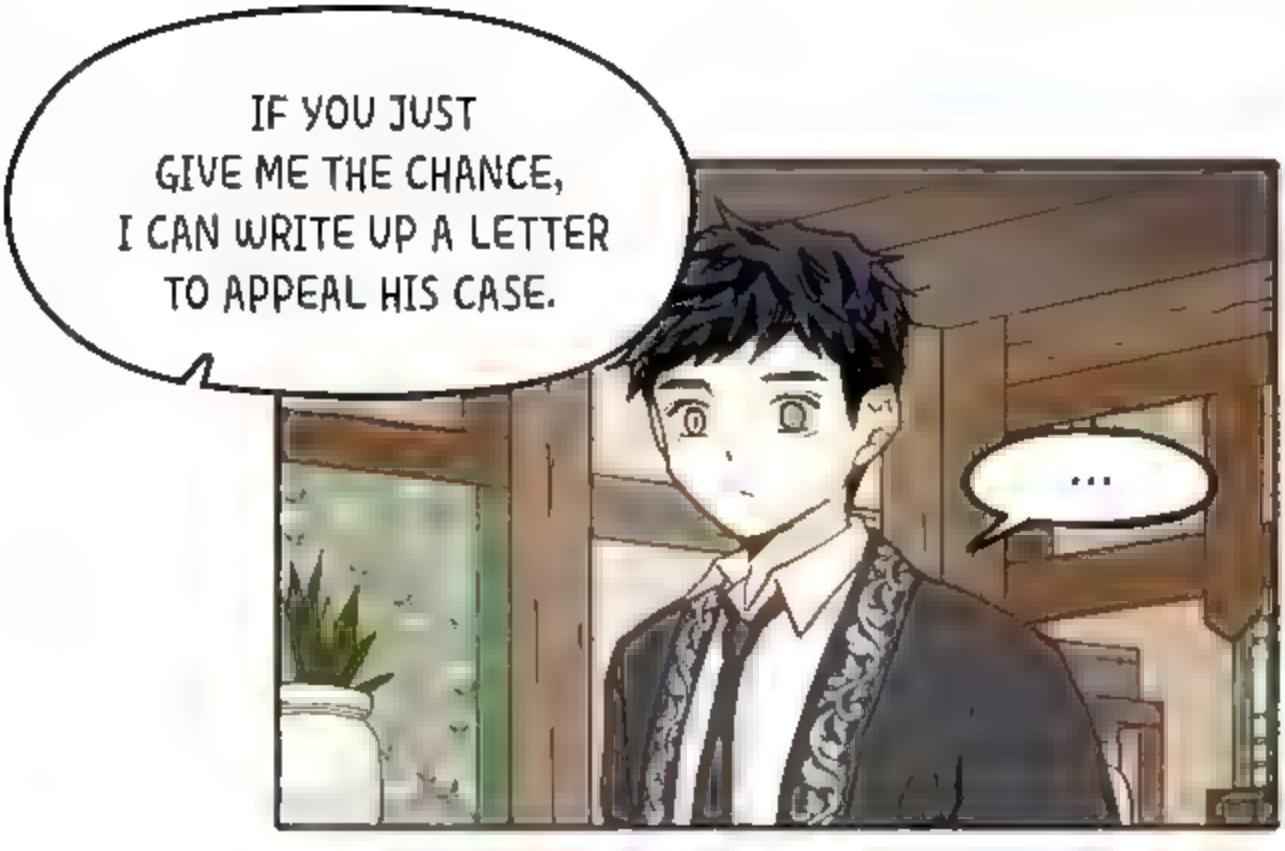
OF COURSE I AM!
...HE'S MY STUDENT!
IMOOGI THAT HAVE TIES TO HUMANS ARE BOUND BY ILL-FATED RELATIONSHIPS.
THIS KID SPEAKS LIKE AN OLD MAN...
EVEN HIS

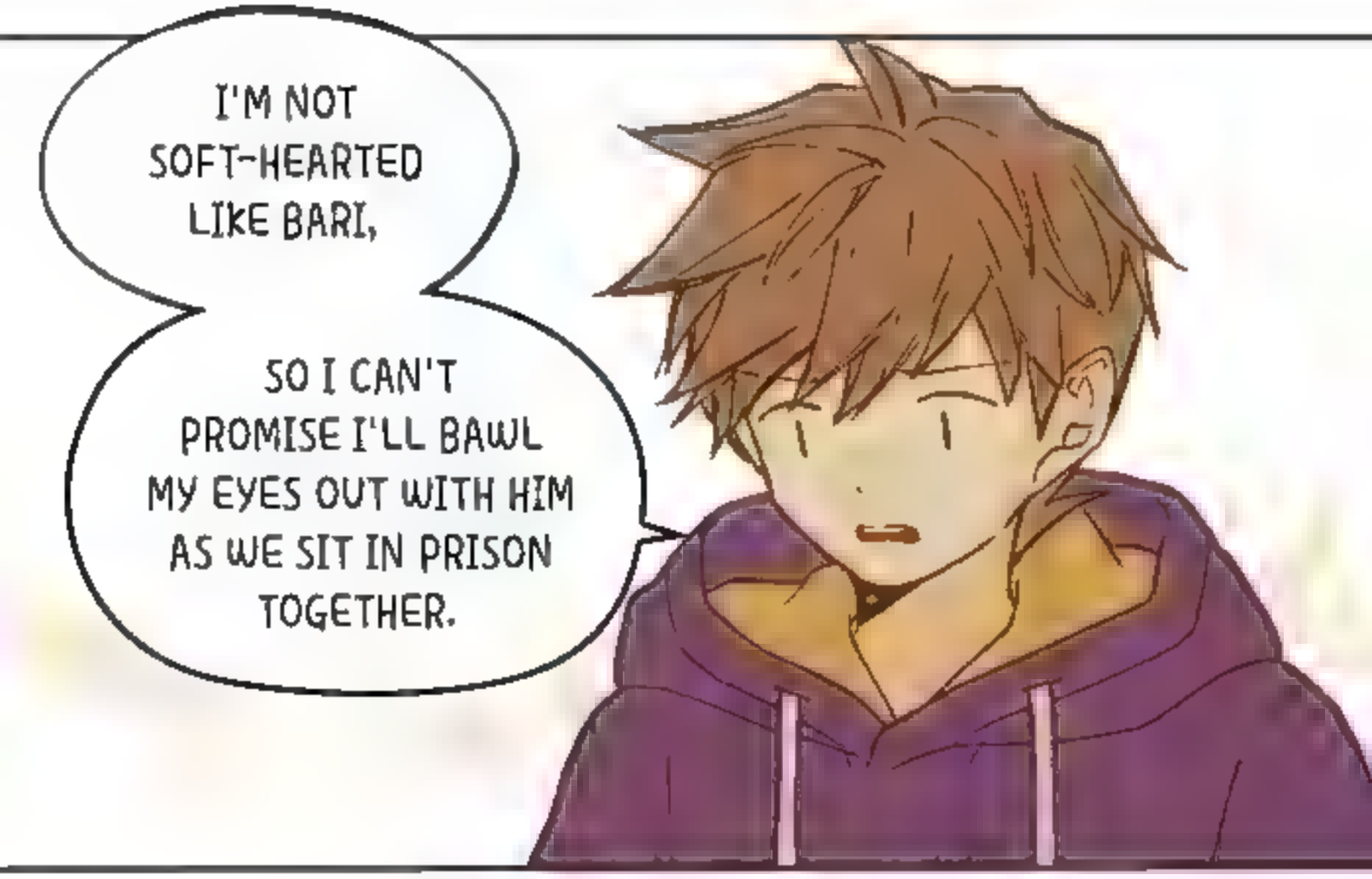
OUTFIT IS A WEIRD MIX OF OLD AND MODERN.
HOW INTERESTING.
HAHA

I'M QUITE FOND OF HUMANS AS WELL...
...SO I DO UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S SO RECKLESS.

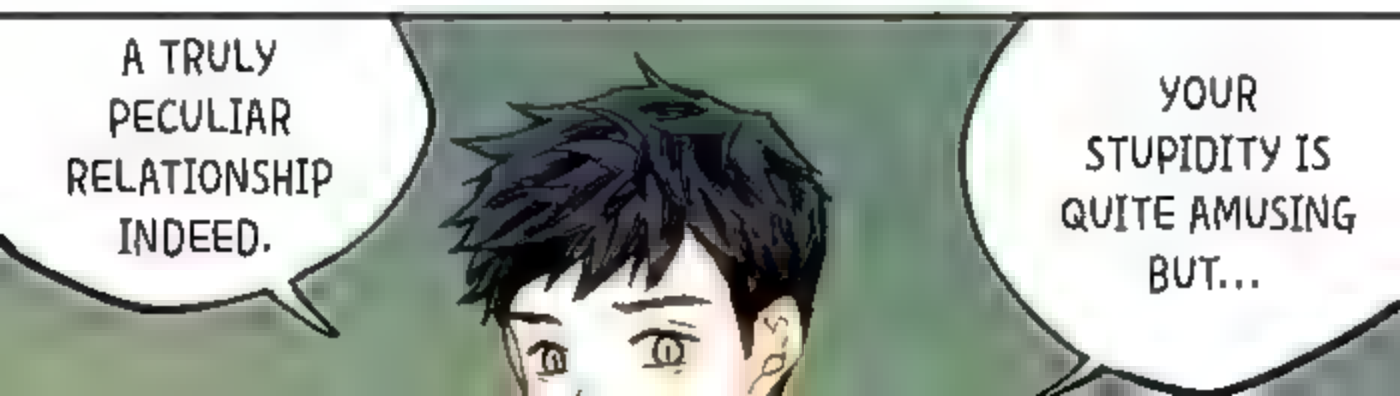
UM,
I'M NOT SURE
WHICH RIVER YOU
GOVERN
OR IF YOU
SERVE ANOTHER
DRAGON...
...BUT COULD
YOU PLEASE HELP
US OUT?


WHAT I'M SAYING IS... PLEASE HELP BARI SO HE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON EXAM.
PERHAPS YOU COULD PERSUADE CHEONRYONG TO CHANGE HER MIND...


IF YOU JUST GIVE ME THE CHANCE, I CAN WRITE UP A LETTER TO APPEAL HIS CASE.
...


I'M NOT SOFT-HEARTED LIKE BARI,
SO I CAN'T PROMISE I'LL BAWL MY EYES OUT WITH HIM AS WE SIT IN PRISON TOGETHER.

BUT
ALL HE HAS LEFT IS
THE EXAM.
I WANNA DO
EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP HIM
TAKE THE EXAM.


A TRULY
PECULIAR
RELATIONSHIP
INDEED.
YOUR
STUPIDITY IS
QUITE AMUSING
BUT...

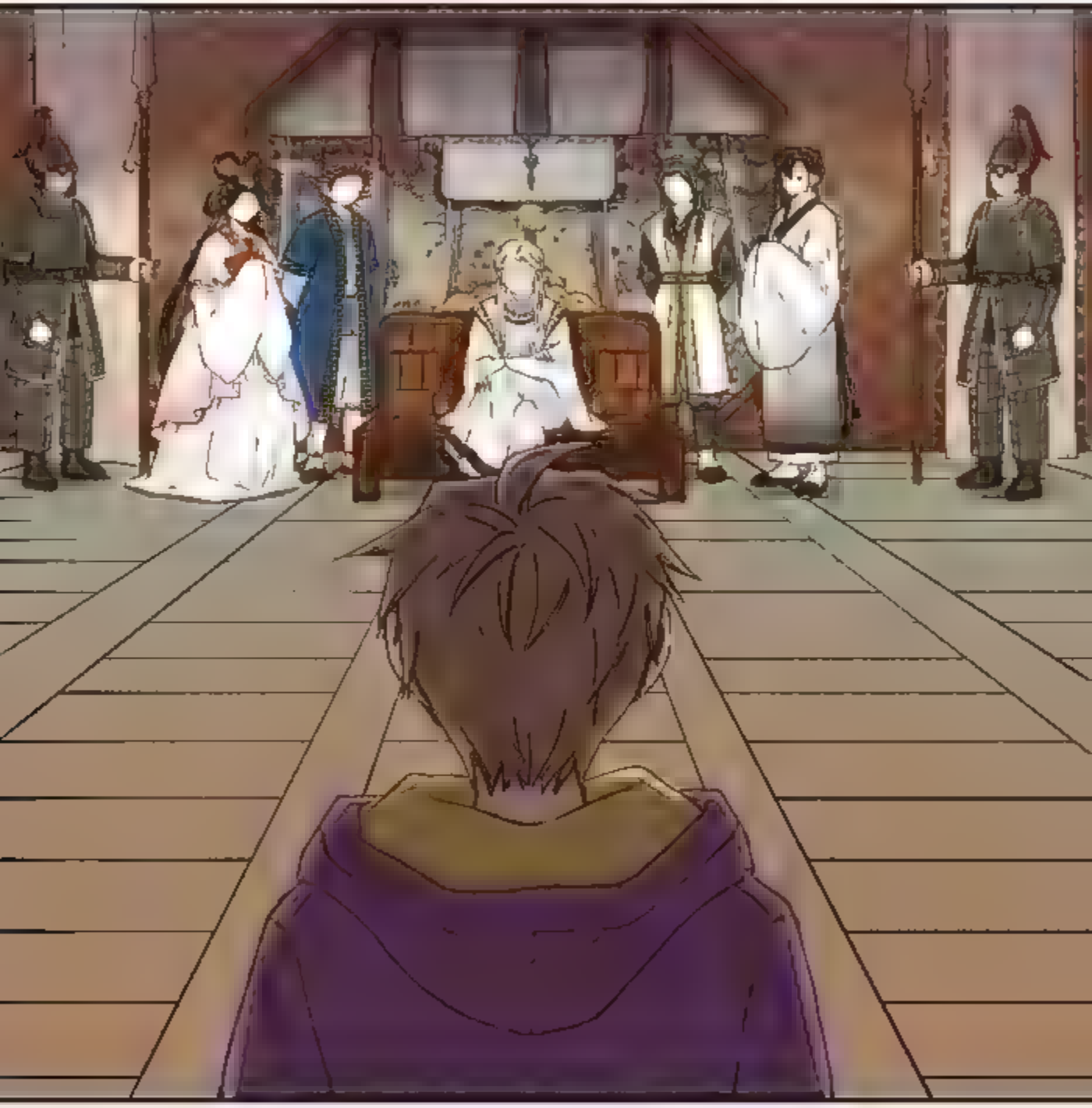
HAHA...
DUN
...!!

DUN
DUN
DUN
IS HE...
STUPIDITY?!
...THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO, SO I SUGGEST YOU LEAVE IT TO FATE.
...CALLING ME STUPID...?

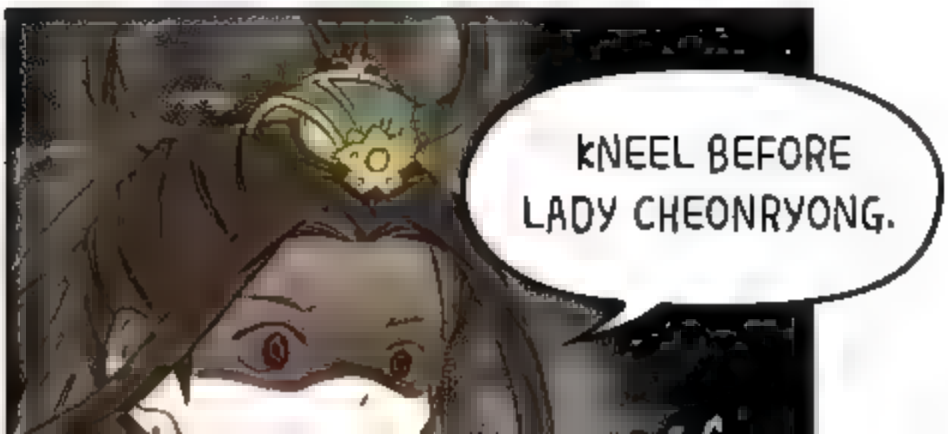
FOLLOW ME.
DUN
DUN
CHEONRYONG WILL BE PUNISHING YOU ONCE MORE FOR DESTROYING THE PRISON.

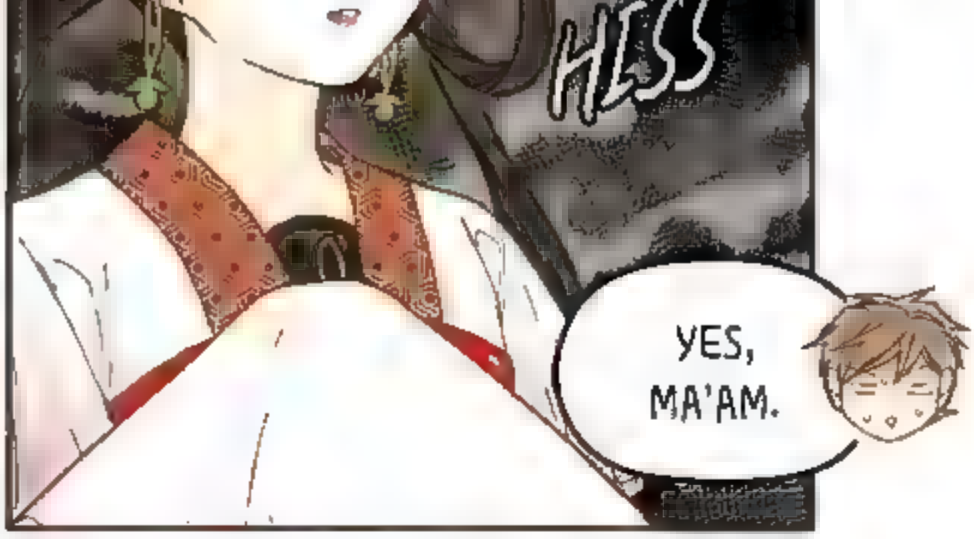
YEAH...
TRUDGE
TRUDGE
...I DON'T CARE ANYMORE.
I ALREADY HAVE TO ROT FOR 500 YEARS, SO A FEW MORE YEARS WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING...

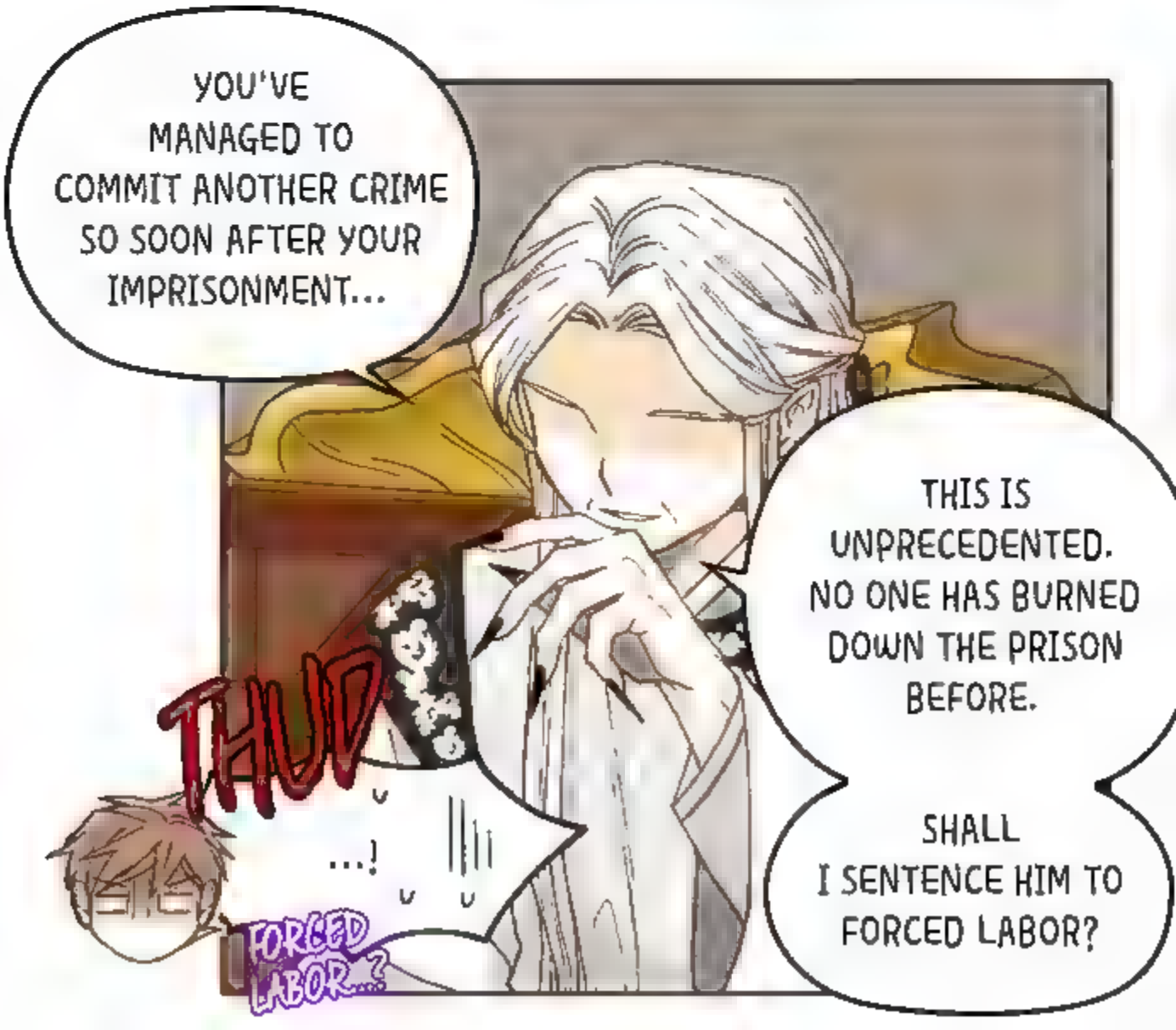
I'VE LOST
MY WILL TO FIGHT.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT,
YOU BASTARDS.
I'M IN FOR
LIFE...
THE PRISONER,
YOUNG YOO...
SLIDE
...HAS ARRIVED,
MA'AM.
SO I'VE
GOT NOTHING
TO LOSE!



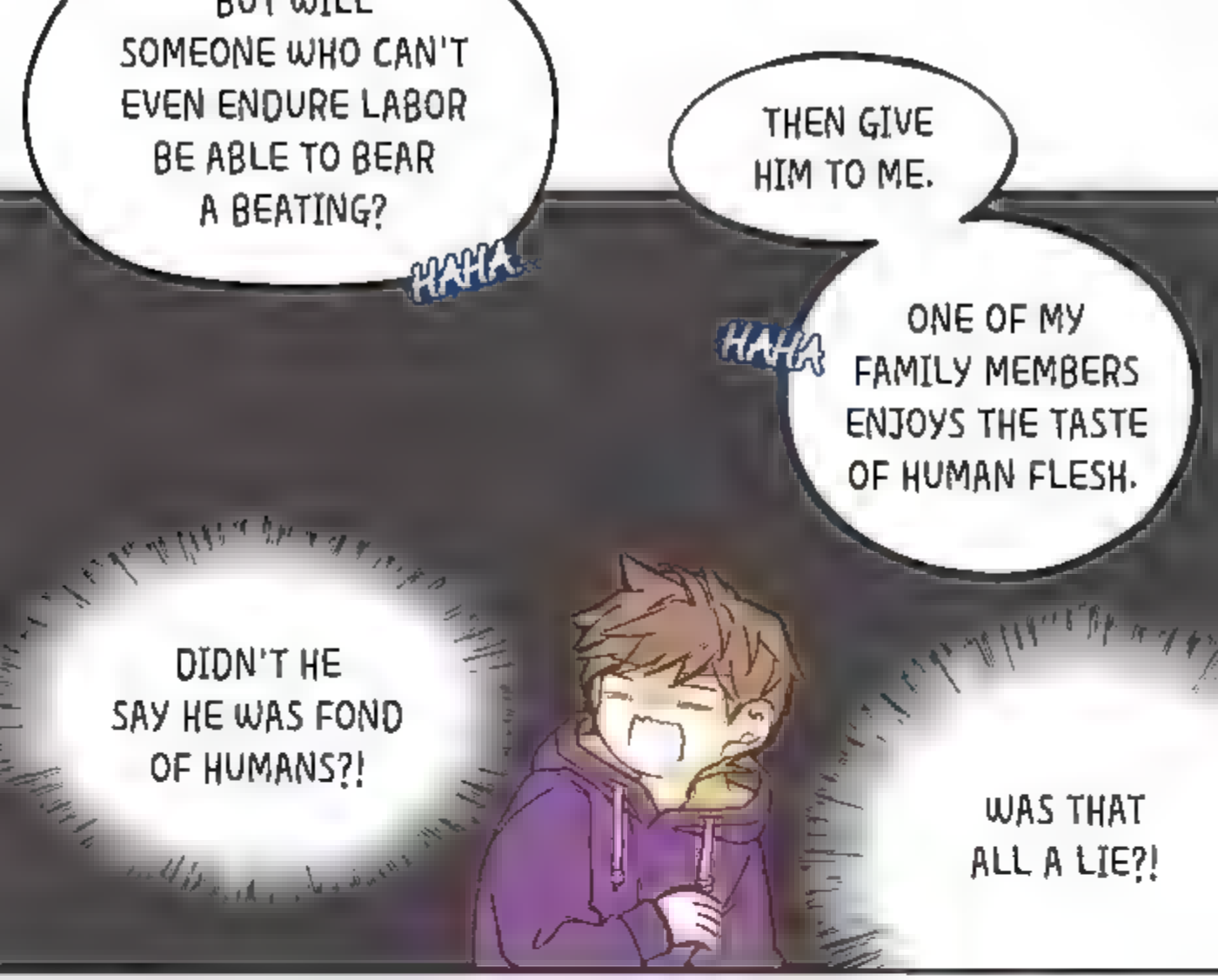
HUH...?
WHY IS EVERYONE GATHERED HERE...?
THIS IS KINDA SCARY...

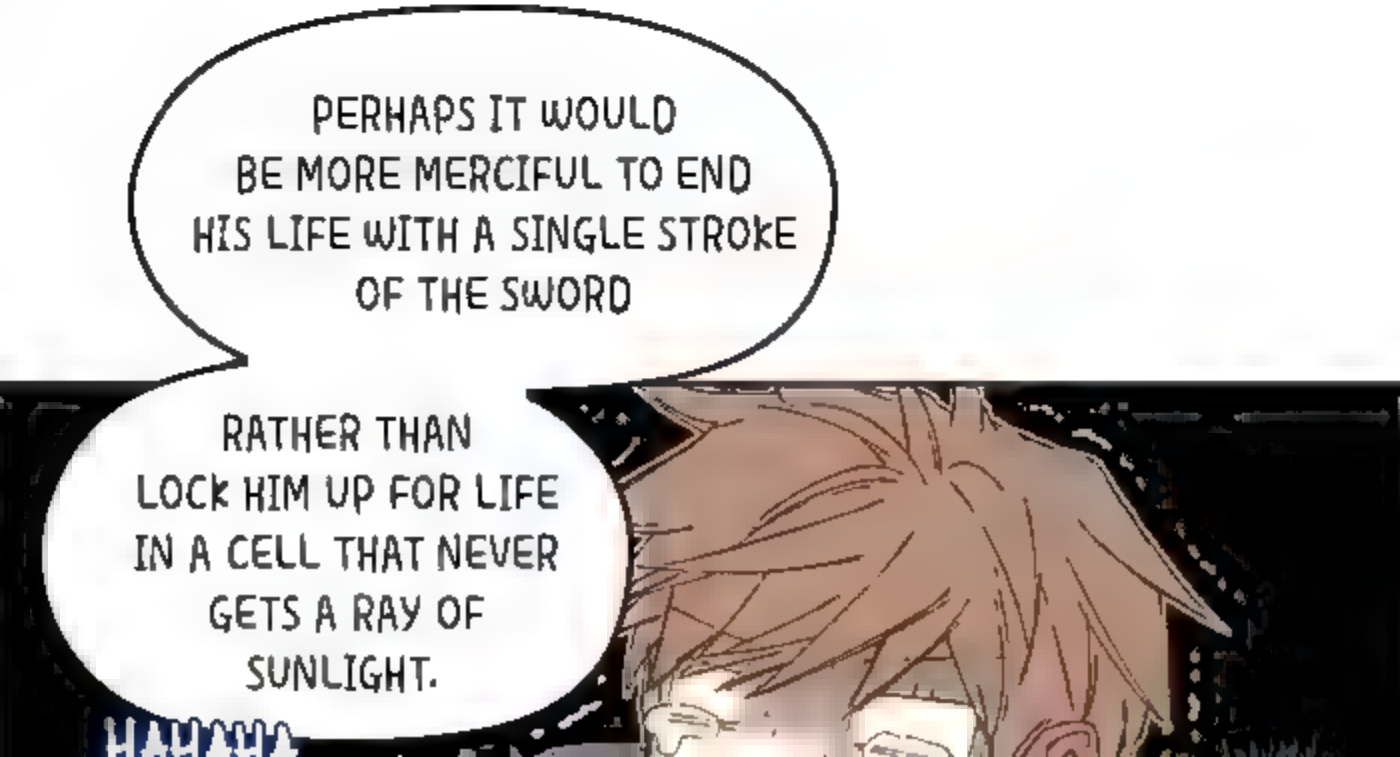

KNEEL BEFORE LADY CHEONRYONG.


HISS
YES, MA'AM.


YOU'VE MANAGED TO COMMIT ANOTHER CRIME SO SOON AFTER YOUR IMPRISONMENT...
THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED. NO ONE HAS BURNED DOWN THE PRISON BEFORE.
SHALL I SENTENCE HIM TO FORCED LABOR?
THUD
...!
FORCED LABOR...?

A FEEBLE HUMAN BEING LIKE HIM WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE STRAIN.
HE'D BREAK EVERY BONE IN HIS BODY WITHIN TEN DAYS.
PERHAPS CORPORAL PUNISHMENT WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE...
LIKE TORTURE...?
...!
DUN DUN


BUT WILL SOMEONE WHO CAN'T EVEN ENDURE LABOR BE ABLE TO BEAR A BEATING?
HAHA
THEN GIVE HIM TO ME.
HAHA
ONE OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS ENJOYS THE TASTE OF HUMAN FLESH.
DIDN'T HE SAY HE WAS FOND OF HUMANS?!
WAS THAT ALL A LIE?!


PERHAPS IT WOULD BE MORE MERCIFUL TO END HIS LIFE WITH A SINGLE STROKE OF THE SWORD
RATHER THAN LOCK HIM UP FOR LIFE IN A CELL THAT NEVER GETS A RAY OF SUNLIGHT.
HAHAHA

NINJA
@#$%!
&#%@#
!!

THEN...
STOMP
STOMP

STOP.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT YOU MADE TO THE IMOOGIS...

...AT THE RECENT GATHERING.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
...
SINCE YOU ALL LOST A MILLENNIUM BEFORE YOUR EYES...
...I FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR DESPERATION.

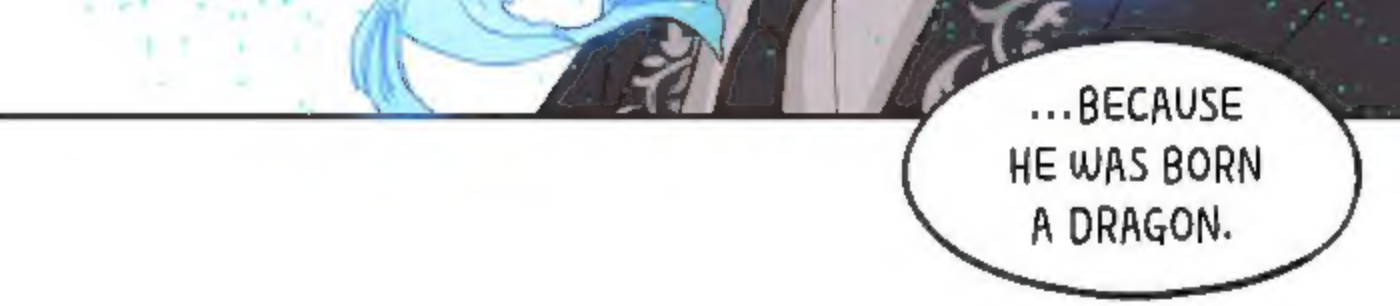
THEREFORE,
HEARING YOUR CONCERNS,
I HEREBY ENTRUST THE NAKDONG
RIVER DRAGON EXAM...
...TO OTHER
DRAGONS.

OTHER DRAGONS?
W-WHICH RIVER...?
THE EXAMINER SHALL BE...
...SOMEONE WHO HAS NO CONNECTION TO ANYONE PARTAKING THE EXAM.

NOT A DRAGON FROM A RIVER...

...BUT ONE THAT RULES THE SEA.

ONE WHO IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROCESS OF ASCENSION...


...BECAUSE HE WAS BORN A DRAGON.

ONE WHO HAS ABSOLUTE COMMAND...
...OVER WATER AND HIS DEPENDENTS ANYWHERE.

AND ONE WHO IS NOT UNDER MY AUTHORITY.
STEP

THE FIRST EXAMINER...
...IS THE DRAGON KING OF THE WESTERN SEA.

HOW DID YOU LIKE MY LOTUS?
DID YOU FIND IT A COMFORTABLE RIDE?